



# Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 23rd March 2026



## Whole School Reminders:



This week we will be 'flying high' by focusing on the following Learning Attribute:

We are **Kind** when we show **Justice**

We will get stars in our jar by showing in the following ways:

- Treating people fairly
- Making wise decisions
- Seeing the whole picture
- Keeping to Rules

**Heart Smart:** Don't hold on to what's wrong

**British Value: Democracy** – having a voice that is heard

### Whole School Reminders

- Friday 20th March - last day of term
- Easter Bonnet parade - Friday at 14:00
- Flashback Friday - Friday at 14:30
- Easter games night - 17:30-19:00

## Reception

### Our learning this week -

**Maths:** As mathematicians we will be exploring odd and even using concrete, real life objects.

**English:** During our English lessons we will be looking at the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will explore different versions of the story and compare them.

**Phonics:** This week we will revisit ch, sh, and th. These are called digraphs - when two letters make one sound. Try playing digraph detective and spotting these digraphs when reading together at home. The Early Learning Goal for reading includes: *Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.*

**Forest School:**

Next term we will begin our forest school sessions as a whole class on Thursdays. The confirmed dates are: 30th April, 7th May, *\*no sessions on 14th May\**, 21st May, 4th June, 11th June and 18th June. Children need to come to school dressed in clothing appropriate for exploring in the woods. Trainers, jumpers, jogging bottoms/leggings etc. They will get muddy - this is a sign learning has happened! You **do not** need to send in school uniform, they will spend the whole day in their home clothes. Any questions - please ask!

#### Things to remember:

On Wednesday 29th April, we will be going on a trip to the farm as our topic next term is Food and Farming. If you would like to support us please email [year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk)

## Year 1

We are excited to be welcoming visitors from the Church on Wednesday afternoon. They have been sponsored by Dobbies Garden Centre and we will be making Easter Gardens! Many thanks to the volunteers: David Johnson, Jenny Bagnall, Peter Jenner, David Eaglestone, Margaret Eaglestone, Lesley Stubbing, Wendy Stent. Thank you also to Dobbies for your generosity.



#### Home Activities for Easter:

Spellings have been set for next week as usual. However, on the sheet are ideas for how to support your child over Easter with their learning. The children have already been given this pack.

I have made a pack of:

- Capital/lowercase letters. These need to be cut up. With them, you can play games such as snap or memory match.
- Number bonds to 10 and 20. By the end of the academic year, Year One should have a fast recall of these numbers.
- I will also put an example page of phonic words for your child to sound button as we do in school.

In addition, and separately, you should have received a list of sounds which your child does not know yet. In order to be ready for the phonics screen, please practise these sounds with your child. This video may help you to understand the sounds that your child needs to know: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc> and it will help you to be able to pronounce the sounds properly and practise the sounds which your child doesn't know yet.

Your child may enjoy the antics of Geraldine the Giraffe when she goes phoneme spotting. For this, you need to look up 'Mr Thorne does phonics.' An example is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33kvsqyOYdg>

Most importantly, read, read, read. You have Story Zoo to support your child's level. By the end of Year One, we aim for the children to be on the Green/Orange Book Bands. Book band levels of pink, red, yellow and light blue are deemed below age related expectations which is why it is so important to practise banded book reading daily.  
Thank you!

Here is what we will be getting up to next week:

**English:** We will be creating a persuasive poster for our Secret Sky Garden! We will be remembering all our persuasive skills we have been exploring and using them to write our sentences for our poster.

**Phonics:** We will be revising our sounds from this term.

**Maths:**

We are using practical activities to explore mass, capacity and volume.

When exploring mass, the children will be comparing the masses of two objects, using non-standard units of measure such as cubes. We will find out that capacity is the maximum amount that something can hold and that volume is the amount of something inside a container. All our practical activities will be using non-standard units of measurements, we will not be reading scales. **Please could you collect containers for these lessons, of a mixture of sizes eg yogurt pots, water bottles, tubs. Thank you.**

**Science:** We will be explaining how plants change over time.

**Geography:** We finish our unit on seasons and weather by asking the question, how does the weather affect people's work? This lesson looks at how the weather affects different types of jobs.

**Art:** This week, we will be evaluating our art work. We will be focusing upon what we think are our successes and learning how to improve our work.

Things to remember

- Forest Schools will be on Thursday morning. We also have further sessions next term on these dates: **16th and 23rd April. I think we also have a session on 16th July but I will put this on a later letter.**
- **On Tuesday 14th April, Year One will visit the farm at Tincteton. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 for this subsidised trip. Please make payment and give your consent via the School Money App.**

**Your child will need:**

- **Wellington boots with good treads**
- **warm, waterproof clothing or hats, sunscreen and long sleeves, as appropriate for the day.**
- **A packed lunch and a water bottle. Please make sure your child can manage to carry the water bottle.**

## Year 2

We are so excited for our trip to Shire Hall on Tuesday this week! We will be leaving at 9:30 and expect to be back around 1pm. Children will bring their lunches there and will take part in workshops about the Great Fire of London. We are holding our end of term flashback Friday session on Friday so that your children can share with you the wonderful things they have been doing at school before their well deserved Easter holidays!

### Maths:

We are finalising our mass, capacity and temperature unit this week and using the four operations (multiplying, dividing, subtracting and adding) to complete 2 step problems. Children will also have the opportunity to further their understanding of reading scales and using practical equipment to test how many non-standard units it takes to fill the capacity of many containers and objects.

### English:

As writers, we have been applying our knowledge of diary writing throughout this half term. The children have really enjoyed reading the texts and writing in the perspective of a character from our stories, we have equally loved reading them! This week, year 2 will be writing as the role of the witch from Rapunzel, creating a magical potion using alliteration and imperative verbs.

### We are learning to spell:

We will be looking at focus spellings this half term:  
Only, over, both, most, old, told, gold, door, floor, poor.

History: Our upcoming trip this week will replace our History lesson.

Science: This week we will look back at what our bean plants needed in order to grow and thrive. We will also be labelling the parts of a plant and discussing the signs of a healthy/unhealthy plant.

### Computing:

We have been collecting data, using tallies and pictograms to represent and record numbers. This week, we will be learning about 'attributes'.

### P.E: Dance / Hockey (Final lessons)

Please can you all check your children's PE kits when you receive them on Thursday as the children are growing all the time and some shoes/trainers are too small and therefore wearing school shoes outside instead. We wish for them all to have practical PE shoes ready for next half term's PE sessions.

### Reminders:

Additional opportunities to support your child over the Easter holidays:

Please refer to your child's Anton app account to work on consolidating their learning from this half term (maths) as well as continuing their reading as often as possible in addition to other links /targets shared.

Next half term we will be looking at habitats in science, can your children spot any local habitats

over the Easter holidays? In Geography, we will be looking at the seaside, what are the names of our local coastal areas?

## Year 3

**Weekly news:** Sadly we said goodbye to Trevor this week. We wish him every happiness for his retirement.

### Our learning this week -

**Maths:** This week in Maths we will be continuing to learn about measuring mass and capacity. We will be using l and ml, and converting measurements.

Please can the children continue practising the 3x, 4x and 8x table. This can be done on Times Table Rockstars and using some of the games on the Top Marks [website](#).

**English:** The children will be working towards writing in the form of an autobiography as Anna Atkins. We will be developing our understanding of the present perfect tense and ensuring that we are using the correct pronouns. We will be adding detail with expanded noun phrases.

**We are learning to spell:** We will be reviewing the spellings that we have been learning this half term.

**Science:** We will be learning about the human skeleton, how it is constructed and the names of some less familiar bones.

**Heartsmart:** We will be learning how to build trust with others and the effect it can have on others if we break that trust.

**History:** We will be looking at Roman homes in more detail and how these compare to Celtic roundhouses.

**PE:** We will have PE on Monday and Friday as before. Sadly Trevor will not be with us now so I will be leading this lesson. Monday will be working on our Roman dance moves in the hall and Friday will be ball skills.

**Computing:** We have been learning about branching databases. The children have enjoyed using an online sorting tree and were keen to have access to this at home so here is the [link](#).

### Reminders:

We have Little Seedlings on Tuesday afternoon. Please can the children have wellies in school (and a coat in case the weather is not favourable).

## Year 4

This week is our residential trip to Hooke Court and we're so excited! The children did a wonderful job at the Wessex Music Concert on Wednesday evening. We were so proud of every single of the children. What superstars! They really did themselves and the school proud.

**English:** In English the children will be consolidating their knowledge of explanation texts and

applying their learning to different contexts.

We are learning to spell: consolidation week: answer, build, early, earth, February, fruit, guard, guide, heard, learn, brother, love, money, money, peculiar, particular, regular, woman

Maths:

Science: In Science we will be learning about food chains. We will be learning more about producers, prey and predators. The children will be creating food chains for different habitats and considering what would happen if one part of the food chain was missing.

History:

DT:

PE: Tuesday: Dance

### Reminders for Hooke Court

Please check the kit list to ensure your child has everything they need for their stay.

Ensure all clothing and belongings are named. The children will be sharing rooms and items are likely to be mixed up during our stay. It will be easier to reunite items with the correct owner if things are named.

No electronics are permitted - this includes, phones, gaming devices, cameras, music players etc.

The children can bring something to do during our free time (small card games, colouring etc)

Children are welcome to bring a cuddly toy for bedtime, please keep these small and please don't send special teddies as we cannot guarantee things won't get lost.

Children must have a duvet and cover or a sleeping bag

If you have any problems, worries or concerns in the lead up to Wednesday, please let us know.